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SUBJ: W/W MARIO OMAR GARCIA MARTIN AND EDDY ANTHONY ROVIRA.

REF: STATE 093821, APRIL 23, 1975

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. ROVIRA'S FATHER ARRIVED MERIDA WITH FORMAL PROMISE TO PAY DEBT APPARENTLY NOTARIZED BY MEXICAN CONSULATE IN SAN JUAN BUT WITHOUT SECURITY. HE IS RETURNING TO PUERTO RICO TODAY TO ASSIST IN MORTGAGING GARCIA'S HOUSE THERE AS SECURITY.

2. ROVIRA AND GARCIA STILL UNDER DETENTION; CONSULATE INVESTIGATION ROVIRA'S FATHER'S ALLEGATION THEY SUBJECT TO MISTREATMENT REVEALED NO EVIDENCE. PRISON DIRECTOR INFORMED CONSULATE THAT HE PERSONALLY IS TAKING PRECAUTIONS AGAINST MISTREATMENT BY PRISON OFFICIALS.

3. PLAINTIFFS IN CASE ARE IMPORTANT MERCHANTS WHO REPRESENTED BY POWERFUL ATTORNEY. THEY FEEL THAT DUE TO DEFENDANTS PAST INABILITY TO PAY DEBTS THEYIMUST HAVE DEBT PROPERLY SECURED BEFORE NE GOTIATING RELEASE.

4. ROVIRA'S FATHER AND ATTORNEY JUANILARA VISITED CONSUL APRIL 23, TO REQUEST INTERCESSION, IN PARTICULAR CONSULAR GUARANTEE TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES THAT ROVIRA AND GARCIA WOULD NOT LEAVE COUNTRY IF RELEASED AND PERMITTED TO STAY IN HOTEL; THEY WERE INFORMED THAT CONSULATE HAD NO JURISDICTION OF THIS KIND. THEY UNCLASSIFIED

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LEFT CONSULATE APPARENTLY SATISFIED WITH EXPLANATION.

5. CONGRESSMAN JAIME BENITEZ INTERESTED.
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